

**2. RESPONSE/REMARKS**

**2.1 STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

*Claims 1-16 and 23-25 were pending at the time of the Action, and subject to a requirement for restriction.*

*Claim 23 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.*

*Claims 2-16 and 25 have been amended herein.*

*Claims 1-16 and 24-25 remain pending in the application and are now in condition for initial examination on the merits.*

**2.2 SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT**

The pending claims are fully supported by the original specification and claims as filed. It is Applicants' belief that no new matter is included by entry of the present amendment. Claims 2-16 and 25 have been amended to conform to current Office practice standards. The claim drawn to a non-elected invention has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**2.3 REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

The Action on page 2 subjected the pending claims to a three-way restriction, allegedly because the inventions encompassed therein were not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The three allegedly-distinct inventions are exemplified by the following groups:

**Group I** (claims 1-16 and 24-25), drawn to a method of promoting growth in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering a compound of formula I;

**Group II** (claims 23 and 25), drawn to a feed comprising the compound of formula I;  
and

**Group III** (claim 25), drawn to a method of prepar[ing a] compound of formula I.

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby elect, *without traverse*, to prosecute the subject matter encompassed by the **Group I** invention (*e.g.*, **claims 1-16 and 24-25**).

Applicants reserve their right to seek rejoinder of claims to the non-elected invention(s) (commensurate in scope to any allowed process claims) in the event of allowability of the pending claims. Applicants also expressly reserve their right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional application(s) directed to any non-elected invention(s) at any time during the pendency of the pending application, or from any application subsequently claiming priority to the present application.

## 2.4 CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present paper is fully responsive to the pending Action, and further believe that all claims are acceptable under the Statutes, and are now in condition for initial examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative would be appreciated.

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